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SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice 163

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TO: All Holders of the PA Technical Guide

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**Action Required:**

Immediate implementation.

**Purpose:**

To release new guidance on ensuring conservation plans are thorough and meet the level of planning assistance requested by customers wishing to participate in USDA programs.

**Background/Explanation:**

To support the conservation partnership in delivering consistent messages regarding compliance with state environmental regulations, the following guidance documents will be added to the Pennsylvania Technical Guide.

**Instructions**

The following planning guidance documents posted to the FOTG with this notice are to be used, effective immediately.

1. "Agricultural Environmental Regulations: Am I In Compliance?" Brochure January 2011
2. PA NRCS Conservation Plan Folder Requirements" Brochure, Poster and Laminated Guide
3. PA NRCS Conservation Planning Guidance
4. Using Standard Statements when Creating Plan Documents
5. Standard Statements (for Soil Erosion Control)
6. Planning Guidance for Treating Near Stream Cropland Areas
7. Concentrated Livestock Area Guidance
8. Conservation Crop Rotation 328 Job Sheet
9. Prescribed Grazing 528 Job Sheet & Pasture Nutrient Calculator

For convenience of use, these materials are also being distributed in hard copy format through the Pennsylvania Conservation Planning and Regulatory Compliance Handbook. Note that the Prescribed Grazing Job Sheet does not address co-grazing. For co-grazing or other complex grazing systems contact your grazing specialist for assistance.

**Access Instructions:**

The Pennsylvania eFOTG can be accessed at the following web address and then selecting the appropriate county: [http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx?map=PA](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=PA)

Conservation planning and regulatory guidance documents items 1 -7 above are filed in folder D Planning and Environmental Compliance Information of Section III of the Pennsylvania Field Office Technical Guide. Open the new subfolders Planning Guidance, Standard Statements, Cropland Guidance, Concentrated Livestock Area Guidance, Pasture Guidance, and Permitting Guidance to find the new documents. Job Sheet items 8 & 9 & 10 are filed with their relevant standard in Section IV of the Pennsylvania Field Office Technical Guide.

The Pennsylvania eFOTG Section III Table of Contents may be accessed *directly* at this web sites:  
<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/toc.aspx?CatID=12477>

The official version of the FOTG is what appears in Pennsylvania's eFOTG.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Denise Coleman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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